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Poloff delivered reftel demarche April 14 to Vu Van Mien, Arms Control and International Organizations Expert at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After consultation with the Ministry of Transportation, Mien reported that the GVN is still in the interagency clearance process on the 2005 Protocols to the UN Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) and its related protocol on Fixed Platforms. "We are considering it," Mien reported, "but it will need further study." Mien would not hazard a guess as to the timeframe of a possible decision by the GVN on this issue.

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